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## ATTENTION:

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Art Unit 3679

Response to Restriction Requirement mailed 10/21/04

Application 10/633,471

'Tubing Joint of Multiple Orientations Containing Electrical Wiring

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 10/633,471  
Applicant: Hughes  
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Group Art Unit: 3679  
Title: Tubing Joint of Multiple Orientations Containing Electrical Wiring

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction mailed by the Examiner on 10/21/2004, applicant elects for further examination the invention construed by the Examiner to be set forth in the claims 1-23 and 47-66 (Group I). Applicant submits that the Examiner erred and intended Group I to include claims 1-34 and 47-66 because claims 24 through 34 depend from claim 19 which depends from independent claim 18 within Group I.

Applicant further submits that the restriction is improper because claims 35-46 (Group II) include use of a product requiring "splines and receptacles" (see claim 37). Alternatively, claims 35-46 may be classified in class 285, subclass 330 by amendment of claim 35 to include limitations to "splines and receptacles."

Respectfully submitted

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